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ANTI—COMMUNISTIC

**H**ITLER ROSE to power in Germany on an Anti-Communist platform; the main foe internally and externally according to the Nazi Chief was Russia and the Communistic State.

Mussolini achieved his present position on much the same platform, and the Rome-Berlin Axis was created ostensibly as an Anti-Communist pact.

Communism may still be the chief enemy of Fascism and Nazism. So far as we are aware, neither Hitler nor Mussolini while they criticize the efficiency of the democracies, have ever declared the democracies to be enemies of the Fascist or Nazi States.

Developments over the period of the last two years tend to show that the Rome-Berlin Axis is in grave danger of developing into an Anti-Communist Axis, as well as an Anti-Communist one.

Germany has recently announced her determination to increase her navy and has used Russian Naval building as one of the main reasons for this move, but more probably Germany is increasing her navy to off-set in part the present British Naval superiority. Apparently supreme in the air and on land her next ambition is to reach parity on the sea.

### DEMOCRACY AND DEFENCE

**A**MERICANS of every party and place will join in applauding a President Roosevelt's eloquent call for stronger defense in his annual message to Congress. Particularly appealing was his linking of three "indispensable" institutions:

The defense of religion, of democracy and of good faith among nations is all the same fight. To save one we must now make up our minds to save all!

On that common ground, the national unity which Mr. Roosevelt termed essential to defense is instantly achieved.

In the debate which must follow when defense gets into more specific terms and questions of What? Where? How? begin to divide, it will be well to remember this broad basis of unity. For quickly the President's message itself invokes questions. There is anything but national unity on many features of the Administration's domestic program, particularly on the two main phases the President mentioned, its methods for bringing "capital and man-power together" and its policy of "national investment" out of an unbalanced budget.

But those policies need further discussion and for the moment it will be well to keep to defense, for that is the dominant and dynamic element of the President's program today. One of the inevitable questions which arise when we start to think through the defense problem is "What is to be defended?" Mr. Roosevelt gives a clear answer—"Religion, democracy and good faith among nations." He says the challenge is economic and military, and would of course include defense of national economic and territorial interests.

It is well to think of all these things, for they enter into the next question about defense—"Where?" Mr. Roosevelt's answer is in effect, At home, by making democracy work; in the Western Hemisphere, by "Continental solidarity" along the Lina lines; and wherever American ideals or interests are attacked, by ending neutrality legislation which may give "aid to an aggressor" and by readiness of armed defense which will lessen the "probability of attack."

In this reply the President partially answers the other question: "How defend democracy?" In a few days he will make further answer in specific recommendations to Congress or increase and improvement of the armed forces and mobilization of industrial resources. This may be called technical defense. The army and navy want efficiency first of all—steady, careful building. The President apparently is interested in a quicker, more spectacular program that could be used primarily for what may be called diplomatic defense. The American people will need to think much about these two concepts in the next few months. On this question they must "know what is going on and where they are going."

For here is where misunderstanding and differences will be hardest to meet. Americans are awakening to the fact that they cannot live unto themselves. Their supposedly isolated country has been profoundly affected by the shifting of a border 4,000 miles away in Europe and by an undeclared war 6,000 miles away across the Pacific. They do not know how vitally their national interests are affected but their own emotions have convinced that they could not keep out of a world war.

They will attempt more vigorously than in 1917 to make sure that it is really democracy they are called on to defend—they have some questions on that score in Latin American and in Europe—but they recognize that defense begins beyond the actual shores of the continent. They will applaud Mr. Roosevelt's declaration that "war is not the only means of commanding a decent respect for the opinions of mankind." They will support the stronger economic and diplomatic measures the Administration is taking and preparing to take.

Most of them like to see economic sanctions really applied before military measures are attempted. And judging by articles and hundreds of letters submitted to the Monitor's special democracy issue of January 11, an overwhelming number believe that the defense of democracy is what the President called the "underlying strength of citizenship." The peaceable spiritual rearmament which is understood only when the religious factor in democracy is fully appreciated and utilized. They would like to see the defensive implications of the President's statement that religion "is the source of the other two—democracy and international good faith"—really carried out in the daily living of democrats.

### FROM OUR EXCHANGE COLUMNS

"TO WAD SOME POWER THE GIPTE GIE US  
TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US," Burns

### WHEAT TRADING NOT GAMBLING

MUCH PUBLICITY is being given a decision of the Canadian Supreme Court to the effect that marginal trading in wheat is not gambling within the meaning of the Criminal Code of Canada. The Court declared marginal trading in wheat has a legitimate place in grain marketing and that those who enter into contracts of this kind are legally bound to fulfil them.—Wheat Pool Budget.

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

ARE FACTIONS IN SMALL TOWNS beneficial? One frequently hears comment on the spirit of discord which exists in so many small towns. People are quite willing to admit that such a condition is prevalent in their own home town, and possibly has been a recognized fact there for years, but how many individuals or organizations are doing anything in a constructive way to quiet down and do away with this vicious, undermining, intangible thing known as the "small town scrap"?—When the cause of this pernicious rowing are sifted out it is often difficult to discover what it's all about.—Shaunavon Standard.

**MR. KING CANNOT** be allowed to have it coming and going. Three years ago, when Mr. Stevens broke with Mr. Bennett, Mr. King thought that national unity could be maintained only by having our nine planets swinging around a federal leader who could conduct with harmony and rhythm the music of the spheres. He got the baton of conductor, but Quebec left the orchestra and Ontario began to utter sour notes that made the music anything but melodious. Now this once harmonious instrument breaks from shrill and strident trebles or a low and ominous bass at the very time when the occasion demands a concord of sweet sounds. The leader thereupon declares, that unity and harmony are essential and asks the listeners-in to reconstruct his orchestra. Apparently no one else can fuse the music into one harmonious whole and he must have another try at it.—Vulcan Advocate.

### SPEECHLESS LUNCHEONS

**SPEECHLESS LUNCHEONS!** What a balm and boon to ears bombarded by "We have with us today" and "That reminds me." A dream? No. It did happen in New York the other day. Not only were the speakers speechless, but the guests almost so when Mayor La Guardia, presiding at a luncheon to Colonel Fulgenio Batista, Chief of the Constitutional Army of Cuba, turned to the guest of honor and smilingly said "This program is going to be different Colonel Batista. You are not going to have to listen to any speeches." The distinguished guest was as delighted as the others.

Such an occasion has revolutionary possibilities. Will other organizations follow suit? Of course, it is always a source of wonder how audiences endure listening to countless speeches at luncheons, dinners and other public occasions. They not only stand it, but come back for more. Besides accepting invitations to dinners and other speech-making occasions of all kinds of organizations, they form innumerable luncheon clubs of their own where they hear more talks.

Probably not everyone will yet speak up for speechless public occasions. Luncheons and dinners do serve as sounding boards for many significant messages, and rallying points and springboards for many important civic, educational, and community enterprises. Perhaps the proposal to omit speeches suggests essentially the need of improving the content and quality of those given—and heroic shortening of their length.—Revelstoke Review.

### SOMETHING OVER WHICH TO PONDER

IN THE YEAR 1937, Western Canada raised 159 million bushels of wheat, the value of which at current market prices was \$163,390,000 net to the producer. In 1938 the West produced 324 million bushels of wheat, the value of which was given as \$184,380,000. Western Canada more than doubled its production in 1938 over the previous year, but the increased price was only a little over \$21,900,000 greater.

If there had been no minimum price the cash value would have been only \$119,580,000, based on prevalent open market values, or nearly \$43,800,000 less than the cash value of the 1937 crop, which was less than half as large as the 1938 yield.—Drumheller Mail.

### THE DEBT BURDEN

EVERY ACRE THAT IS SEEDED in Saskatchewan next spring will carry a debt burden of \$25. That is the estimate made by a professor of the University of Saskatchewan. He calculated the total burden on the farm population of that province to be \$645 million.

It would be interesting to make a similar compilation of the debt burden on Alberta farm land. While the total here would not approach the Saskatchewan figure it is possible that it would assume fairly large proportions.

Some solution will have to be found for the farm debts. Seemingly there are three alternatives:

1. Premier Aberhart's policy of moratoria and gradual elimination of debt through arbitrary legislation; 2. The arriving at compromises between debtor and creditor before tribunals; 3. The return to the ordinary legal procedure of established particularly for that purpose; 3. The jettison of all foreclosure through the courts.

The first proposal is not the proper method. Those people who can pay should pay. That is only right and decent. The last proposal is unthinkable. It would mean throwing the farm population to the wolves. The second suggestion seems the most sensible.

The farm debt problem will have to be effectively dealt with sooner or later. The more general discussion on it now the sooner a reasonable and workable plan will be developed.—Hanna Herald.

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## LADIES' RINK RE-ORGANIZE

A reorganization of the Ladies' Curling Club which was made on

Thurs. Jan. 5. The personnel of the

new rink is as follows:

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Smith,

Riley, skip; Haynes, Scott, Leonard,

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## Interesting Items

You are invited to contribute to this column. Phone your news items to 55, the Recorder Office.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Maguire and son Jim, left last Thursday for Calgary, where they will reside for the next couple of months.

Several local business men motored to Stewville last Sunday afternoon to inspect the oil well being drilled in that locality.

Anybody seen a gun? Dimensions of an enlarged water-pistol—only more dangerous.

(Corporal) Ashby and Mr. Goodenham, Indian Agent, of Gleichen, were Bassano victors on Wednesday of this week.

A number of Bassanites motored to Calgary Wednesday to witness the hockey game between Calgary and Drumheller.

## Gleichen Rink Defeats Bassano in Play-downs

In one of the closest contested games held at the local rink this year Gleichen's Dana MacDonald, and his rink gained a well earned victory over the local McLaws quartet, in the inter-sectional provincial play down for the MacDonald-Brier emblematic of curling supremacy in Canada. Bassano, Brooks and Gleichen played Serg. Wednesday, Jan. 11th, for this decision. Gleichen skippers were expected by Clancy and Arrowood.

MacDonald, Gleichen skip showed exceptional form especially in the second end and performed steadily throughout the game while the Bassano skipper was very erratic.

Coming home in the 12th end, McLaws were five down, the score 10-5. With Bassano trying four, MacDonald played back ring weight to attempt to take out one of the Bassano rocks and missed by more than a foot. McLaws drew in for five, in the 13th end both Young and Simpson were rather tight allowing Gleichen to pile up rocks in the ring. McLaws last rock was a trifle wide giving Gleichen a 12-10 decision.

Congratulations Mr. MacDonald we hope you go on to Toronto.

GLEICHEN:—Thelmer, Blakeman, Reid, MacDonald, skip.

BASSANO:—Kelch, Young, Simpson, McLaws skip.

Both Bassano and Gleichen defeated the Marcy rink of Brooks by scores of 16-12 and 8-6 respectively to gain the finals.

BROOKS:—Rasmussen, Berry, Crooks, Marcy, skip.

In two special good-will events the Clifford rink of Gleichen won and lost a game to a Bassano squad of veterans.

In the first game Gleichen were 5 down coming home on the 13th and managed to put in five to defeat the Currie skipper squad 12-12.

In the evening Jack Storance skipper the Bassano quartet to a 13-2 decision.

BASSANO:—Storance, Currie, Riley, Beeber.

GLEICHEN:—Clifford, Brown, James, Bond.

## BORN AT THE HOSPITAL

To Mr. and Mrs. Abe Krause, Rosemary, a daughter on Dec. 22nd.

To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hood, Bassano, a daughter on Dec. 26th 1938.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. Vaccarella, of Duchs, a daughter on Dec. 25th, 1938.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Mathews, Dachs, a daughter, on Dec. 31st, 1938.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rebbott of Rosemary, a son, on Dec. 30th, 1938.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Price of Bassano, a daughter on Jan 11th, '39.

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